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## **Kalamazoo may get pre-engineering program**

**LANSING** – Educational opportunities for Kalamazoo County students may increase under the state budget if the governor signs what the Legislature has presented to her, said Sen. Tom George.

George sponsored an amendment to the state's School Aid budget that would provide \$100,000 to the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency to create a countywide pre-college engineering program much like those already in place in Grand Rapids and Detroit.

“We want to ensure that our local students have experience in developing technologies by providing them with opportunities to learn and study engineering,” said George, R-Texas Township. “Allowing students the chance to take engineering classes while they are still in high school will give them a leg up in a growing industry.”

The program is intended to meet the need of growing businesses in Southwest Michigan for well-trained engineers.

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